

Ouch!  
Liberty Only  
for the Strong

If out-of-state friends sent you copies of the same newspaper picture they mailed to The Star you'd be by this time running a temperature.

Slugged "Arkansas Traveler," this is a photograph of Mrs. Olgie Lamear riding her rubber-tired, horse-drawn wagon back to Vermont from Arkansas. But besides the crack about "Arkansas Traveler," the picture commits further libel by describing her as "Quote Mrs. Olgie Lamear of Hope, Arkansas, Unquote Period."

The Goat Woman is not an Arkansas Traveler. She's a Vermont. As for the farm she bought in Arkansas was near Clarksville—which isn't within 150 miles of Hope.

International News Photo service distributed this inaccurate picture and its cut-lines, and I am reminding International by letter that the ancient weakness of letting photographers who never read newspapers write the cut-lines for their pictures still persists. Otherwise the picture would have stated correctly where the Goat Woman stayed when she came to Arkansas. International wouldn't confuse Wilkes-Barre, Pa., my old home town, with Pittsburgh, clear across the state—but they just what a clumsy cut-line writer has done for us down here in Arkansas.

Speaking of Mrs. Lamear (about whom I have spoken before), once again she's in the newspapers, while Husband Arthur stays out.

Olgie does the talking. But Arthur—he don't say.

Olgie gets her picture took. But Arthur—he's underexposed.

In his "Behind the Curtain" John Gunther writes:

"Bulgaria is a tough and stubborn little country—very poor." And he goes on to say that the reason the Bulgarian state university gets only \$98 a month—and a locomotive engineer draws but \$15.

The Bulgarians, that is, are lovers of liberty, but they have no liberty. They are courageous, yet enslaved by a dictatorship.

Which reminds me that we Americans while giving lip service to our world-famous republic ought to pause a moment and give up a devout prayer that we, liberty-loving and courageous like the Bulgarians, unlike the Bulgarians, be born into a land that is as magnificent big and fabulously rich.

Democracy is an actor, but whether the show succeeds depends on the place where it is staged.

Democracy works in America because we have the money to make it work. Remember that.

Don't ever let America become bankrupt because of promising politicians and stupid peasants—or you'll find out that mere textbook democracy can turn the world's freest country into a Balkan rhubarb.



MIAMI BATTENS DOWN FOR HURRICANE—Boarding up store fronts on the world famous Flagler street in Miami is old story to these veterans of other hurricanes. They watch weather reports and begin batten operations well in advance of the first fringes of the blow. (NEA)

More Publicity  
for Large  
Local Melons

On Tuesday, August 30, "Strange As It Seems," a widely read newspaper feature, will publish a picture about the large Hempstead county watermelons.

This information was announced today by Hope Chamber of Commerce which forwarded a postcard to Mrs. Elsie Hix, who gathers information for the daily feature.

The picture sent in was made several years ago by the Hope Star and placed on post cards. It shows five Little Negro boys grouped around a huge watermelon on their faces gleaming in delight.

The proof which Mrs. Hix sent to Cy Forsythe, C of C manager, besides the picture, tells about the big 195-pound champion melon produced in 1935 by O. D. Middlebrooks. Actually the melon in the picture weighed a mere 126 pounds.

The most widely known picture in the state that carries the feature "Strange As It Seems" is the Arkansas Democrat.

Six Prisoners  
Escape From  
Helena Jail

Helena, Aug. 27 —(AP)—The Phillips county sheriff's office said today six inmates of the county prison escaped from a door and escaped late last night.

Sheriff Edgar Hickey said a posse of local officers and state police are searching the area.

Hickey said early today that none of the men had been caught.

Senators Slash  
Defense Funds,  
Discuss Others

Washington, Aug. 27 —(AP)—Economy-minded senators congratulated themselves today on a \$6,400,000,000 slash in defense funds, the biggest reduction in the history of our government.

The words were those of Senator Elmer Thomas (D-Okla.), who is guiding a multi-billion dollar military money bill through the senate.

The huge outback ordered to the senate yesterday included two items:

A cut of \$1,118,000,000 in house-approved funds for army, navy and air force spending during the 12 months which began July 1; and a \$275,000,000 reduction in money that both chambers had earlier approved for stockpiling critical materials.

The reductions must be okayed by the house, where some leaders slashes in funds for the air force. Although senators worked far past their usual quitting time last night they still failed to complete action on the huge military money bill.

As it came from the house it contained \$159,000,000. As it stood today it carried about \$14,000,000,000.

These are the remaining issues to be fought out in the senate Monday:

1. An attempt by Senator McClellan (D-Ark.) to a long list of Democrats and Republicans to direct President Truman to chop from 5 to 10 percent off the defense funds that congress votes this year.

2. An effort by Senator Wiley (R-Wis.) and other dairy state senators to restore a former military ban against use of oleomargarine for butter.

3. A move by Senator Douglas (D-Ill.) to chop additional millions from the big military bill by sending it back to the appropriations committee with instructions to slice it further.

Inspection  
Tour Reveals  
a Few Facts

Washington, Aug. 27 —(AP)—Charles Sawyer, secretary of commerce, and some of his staff have just come back from an unusual mission.

They've been going around the country, meeting with businessmen, labor people and public officials.

The purpose was to find out what those people around the country think of the general economic situation.

The trips were outlined by President Truman and his assistant, John R. Steelman, and yesterday Sawyer issued a report on his trip to Steelman.

Sawyer's report can be pretty well summed up in this statement of his:

"My most significant impression from these trips and discussions is that people generally have an abiding faith in the soundness of our business economy."

"I was reassured by the repeated expression of belief of businessmen, labor and government officials that our business structure is solid and that our economy can look forward to more growth and progress."

"Generally speaking, I find that businessmen considered the recent declines in prices, sales and production as being temporary adjustments which were inevitable as our economy moved from the inflationary post-war peaks to a better adjusted level of prosperity."

What do the businessmen want? They want tax cuts. But it is difficult for congress won't reduce taxes.

Next year? There's no assurance there'll be any tax cuts then, either, particularly if the government runs in the red and needs tax money to meet some of its expenses. If not all of them.

In his travels, especially in New England and in Michigan and Ohio, Sawyer found "substantial" and "significant" unemployment.

On this subject Sawyer said: "To a substantial degree the communities which had the most serious problems were the ones which are now feeling the after-effects of wartime over-expansion."

"It was pointed out in a number of places, and particularly in areas of special distress, that substantial numbers of manufacturing employees are now on part-time work, although the reports would not show them as unemployed. In fact, it was most forcefully brought to my attention that being out of work today is a wholly different matter from being out of work in the early 30's, due to the difference in the price of food and other necessities."

"Unless such costs come down or unemployment payments are extended, the relief situation in a number of cities could be critical."

Sawyer pointed out that "five out of the nine labor market areas with more than 12 per cent unemployed are located in the New England states."

Why was New England hit so hard? Sawyer explained: "New England especially has been hard hit, simply because its manufacturing employment happened to be predominantly in those industries which were faced first with major readjustments in their markets and in their price structures."

But Sawyer has a cheery word to say for New England: "It is probable that because it has faced its price readjustments first, New England will be the first to feel the favorable effects of renewed activity as inventories are replenished and buying returns to more normal levels."

Young Mother  
Takes Over  
Girls' School

Little Rock, Aug. 27 —(AP)—An attractive 26-year-old mother who doesn't believe in whipping children is taking over in charge of the Arkansas Girls' Training School.

Punishment of inmates at the institution led to the indictment Wednesday and resignation yesterday of Mrs. Fanny Goodman as superintendent of that institution and the adjoining Arkansas women's reformatory.

Mrs. Lavandra Pruitt, mother of a three-month-old daughter, head matron of the girls' school, was placed in charge by the institution's board of control yesterday after Mrs. Goodman resigned.

Mrs. Pruitt, 27, head matron of the reformatory for 10 years, was given direction of that institution.

The board of control is to meet Monday to consider selection of a successor to Mrs. Goodman.

The superintendent and Mrs. Carrie Toland, Little Rock, were indicted on 17 counts by a grand jury of Saline county, in which the two correctional institutions, 16 miles southwest of here, are located.

The grand jury charged them with assault and battery for whipping teenage inmates of the girls' school and with cruel and unusual punishment for cropping hair and putting inmates on bread and water diets.

Mrs. Toland was head matron of the girls' school until Aug. 1, when she was succeeded by Mrs. Pruitt, who had been on the staff since May.

Yesterday's meeting of the board of control of the two institutions was ordered by Governor McMath, who said he expected it to follow the custom of suspending public officials who are under indictment. Mrs. Goodman, however, submitted her resignation, and it was accepted.

Board Chairman Ben Rowland, Little Rock, said it was her first "unconditional" resignation. He did not elaborate.

Investigations of the girls' school by the Saline county grand jury and the board of control resulted from an Aug. 15 disturbance by two teenage inmates, during which five other inmates escaped.

Nevada Co.  
Fair to Open  
September 14

The Nevada County Fair association will present its 13th Annual Fair in Prescott September 14, 15, and 16.

The opening day activities will not only feature the special programs that every community presents to make their county fair the best in the state, but also special programs and activities commemorating Prescott's 75th anniversary.

In conjunction with the opening day activities of the fair, will be many highlights which will be built into a Diamond Jubilee Celebration heralding this anniversary of our city, and county seat of Nevada county.

The program begins with a band concert at 10 a.m. Wednesday, September 14, on the Court house square. Introduction of guests is scheduled at 10:30 a.m. A guest speaker will precede the luncheon for invited guests. The big parade will begin at 1 p.m. Huge fireworks display is scheduled at 9 p.m., and the Diamond Jubilee Queen will be crowned with a suitable diamond at 10 p.m.

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100-Page  
Texarkana  
Issue Sunday

The Texarkana Gazette and Daily News will publish a 100-page special edition this Sunday, August 28, honoring the "Magic Circle" the people, the businesses and the industries within a 100-mile radius of Texarkana.

Every effort has been made by the border-town newspapers to give a complete and accurate picture of 75 towns and cities within the "Magic Circle," according to J. Q. Mahaffey, editor.

The edition will contain numerous feature stories as well as photographs which symbolize life in this area.

Students Urged  
to Purchase  
Books Now

Forney G. Holt, high school principal, announced today that all Hope high school students should purchase books before the beginning of the fall term, September 7.

Every effort has been made by the school to make it possible for students to purchase books before the beginning of the fall term, September 7.

During the week of August 29 to September 3, this will avoid a rush the first week of school. Schedules can be checked in the office before purchases are made. The bookstore is open daily from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

WEATHER FORECAST  
Arkansas: Partly cloudy this afternoon, tonight and Sunday with a few scattered thundershowers. Much much change in temperatures.

Tito Prepares  
Troops to Fight  
Sabotage

Belgrade, Yugoslavia, Aug. 27 —(UP)—Reports from Trieste said today that Yugoslavia has moved troops into its Fiume and Pola areas in an apparent effort to curb any sabotage.

A Trieste dispatch quoted official Italian sources there as saying that Yugoslav troops moved into strategic positions in the northwest corner of the country after fire broke out Thursday in the big Romas oil refinery at Fiume, third largest refinery in Europe.

An official Yugoslav announcement confirmed the report of a fire, but said it had been extinguished quickly. It said the refinery again was operating at full capacity.

Trieste reported, however, that billowing columns of dense smoke still covered the Fiume area today. Reliable sources in the international city said intense heat had hampered all efforts to extinguish the fire.

Reports circulating in Trieste said the fire was started by two hand grenades. They were "unmanned" to have been thrown by Cominform agents seeking the overthrow of Marshal Tito's government for its refusal to take dictation from Moscow.

Official Italian sources in Trieste said other Yugoslav troops were sent to Pola, former Italian naval base taken over by Yugoslavia under the Italian peace treaty, and coal mines in nearby Arsa, presumably to prevent further sabotage.

Each Pola and Arsa are on the Adriatic peninsula, south of Trieste. Fiume is about 40 miles southeast of Trieste. Most communists in the Trieste area are known to side with the Cominform against Tito.

Hundreds Left Homeless  
in Florida Hurricane;  
Property Damage Huge

Housewife  
Gives Up  
Again

Dover, England, Aug. 27 —(AP)—Blinding fog forced Mrs. Willi Croes Van Rijssel, 36, Dutch housewife, to abandon her bid to swim the English channel today after 17 hours.

The plucky Amsterdam woman, who was believed to have been less than two miles from her goal when she quit, took it in her stride.

Ashore an hour later she smiled and said "I am going to try it again."

Mrs. Van Rijssel slipped into the chilly waters off Cape Gris Nez, France, at 7:26 a.m. GMT Friday (2:26 a.m. EST) she came out at 12:16 a.m. GMT today (7:16 p.m. Friday EST).

Those who were accompanying the swimmer said that by the time Mrs. Van Rijssel reached a point about two miles offshore the fog was so thick they were no longer able to get their bearings.

"She was still swimming strongly," one aide said, "but there was danger we might lose her in the fog or that other boats groping for port might strike her."

After a hot bath to remove the thick layers of grease from her body, Mrs. Van Rijssel joined E. H. Temme, her trainer, and others for a chicken and tomato luncheon.

Shirley May France, American high school girl from Somerset, Mass., who intends to attempt the channel crossing soon, joined the others at lunch.

Shirley May said that she hoped to make her channel attempt either Sept. 3, 4, or 5.

Early in her swim, Mrs. Van Rijssel had a chance to break the women's channel record set at 14 hours 21 minutes by Gertrude Ederle of the United States in 1926.

But late Friday night strong currents running along the English shore began working against her and slowed her down.

Philip Mickman, British school-boy who made the channel crossing with Mrs. Van Rijssel, said that about two hours during her attempt.

This was her second try at the channel this year. She failed once before last month.

Mrs. Van Rijssel was the third woman to tackle the channel this year. Mickman made it in 23 hours and 48 minutes. The other aspirant, Jose Corinas, a Cuban, failed in two tries this year.

Lawhon May  
Be Candidate  
for Governor

North Little Rock, Aug. 27 —(AP)—Mayor Ross L. Lawhon has disclosed that he is a possible candidate for governor next year.

The five-term mayor made no comments either way, but said "there's been a lot of talk about it."

He reported that he had been contacted by a delegation of six men from southeast Arkansas last week.

His callers, however, apparently didn't promise much in financial way for Mayor Lawhon also added:

"We ain't got no money. It costs a lot of money to run for governor."

James Mackrell, Little Rock unsuccessful candidate for governor last year has been critical of the administration of Gov. Sid McMath, called on Mayor Lawhon recently. Both men denied that politics was discussed.

Governor McMath announced recently that he plans to be a candidate for re-election next year.

Chancellor  
Killed in  
Accident

Fort Smith, Ark., Aug. 27 —(AP)—Chancellor Judge John K. Butt of Fayetteville was injured fatally when a heavy trailer truck in which he was riding overturned and burned about 25 miles north of here today. He was about 46.

Two other men were injured critically and were taken to a Fort Smith hospital. They were identified as John Chastain, 21, Springfield, driver, and Wayne Simpson, Fayetteville.

The judge, a former state representative and prosecuting attorney, died on route to a Fort Smith hospital.

State Highway Patrolman Jim Evans, first officer to reach the scene, said he found Butt still alive but burned nearly beyond recognition.

State Patrolman Bob Pritchard said two brothers of Mountbain, Robert and Leo Reed, made a heroic attempt to save the judge by dragging his body from the flaming cab of the truck.

From information furnished by W. R. Omulakura of Fayetteville, who was driving an automobile behind the truck, the policemen pieced together this account of the mishap:

The truck, a big white vehicle without identifying marks, failed to negotiate a sharp curve at the foot of a steep mountain about half a mile south of Mountbain. The truck left the highway (71), hit the side of a bridge and skidded across the bridge. The trailer broke loose from the cab, which veered across the highway, overturned and caught fire.

Chastain and Simpson were thrown clear but Judge Butt was pinned in the flaming cab.

The Reed brothers, using brute force, managed to pull Butt out of the cab but not until after he had been burned badly.

The accident occurred about 6:20 a.m. Butt was dead upon arrival at the hospital about 7:30.

Friends of the judge said he had been fishing on the Gulf of Mexico and was due to return home this weekend. They said, however, they thought he had gone to the Gulf in a pickup truck and could not explain his presence in the bigger vehicle.

Judge Butt was born in Carroll county (Eureka Springs) and was graduated from the Cumberland university school of law at Lebanon, Tenn.

He practiced law at Eureka Springs for several years and was elected to his first public office, Carroll county representative in the Arkansas legislature, in 1931. He made an unsuccessful attempt in the 1935 legislature, to repeal legalized horse racing.

But served two terms as prosecuting attorney of the fourth judicial circuit, beginning in 1937.

He began this year his second year term as judge of the 13th chancery district.

Jaycees to  
Hold Charter  
Night Aug. 31

The Hope Jr. Chamber of Commerce will hold its Charter Banquet at the Hotel Barlow Wednesday night August 31 at 7:30 p.m.

The program has been arranged with a member of the National Board of Directors as principal speaker, along with local entertainment. All members and other interested persons are urged to get your tickets now. You may get tickets from George Newbern III at the Citizens bank.

Mississippi County  
Voters to Decide  
Hospital Issue

Blytheville, Aug. 27 —(AP)—Mississippi county voters will decide Oct. 11 on a proposed \$200,000 bond issue for construction of a 40-bed hospital.

County Judge Roland Green, after the election and date after acting on a petition filed by the Osceola Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Federal aid funds would add another \$100,000 to the money to be used in the proposed building.

To Display New  
Studebaker  
Here Monday

Monday, August 29, Archer Motor Company, East Third street, will have on display the new 1950 Studebaker.

Several models will be on display and Mr. Archer said today that motorists are going to be surprised and well satisfied with the new Studebakers.

Archer Motor Co. is open 24 hours a day and the public is invited to look over the new models day or night.

H. M. Ross  
Succumbs at  
Age of 81

Harrison Mouser Ross, aged 81, a resident of Hempstead county for many years, died yesterday at the home of a son, Burl Ross of near Hope.

He is survived by four other sons, Ernest, Earl and Raymond of Hope, Eric Ross of Glendale, Cal., six daughters, Mrs. W. W. Fincher of Stamps, Mrs. Willie Hamlin of Bodewad, Mrs. Willie Putman of Bettie Jones and Mrs. Walter Lee Allen of Hope and Mrs. Luther Duren of New Boston, Tex.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Oak Grove.

Bill McLarty  
Dies Suddenly  
in Hot Springs

James William (Bill) McLarty, aged 42, died unexpectedly in Hot Springs about 9:30 p.m. Friday. He was born in Hope and had lived here all his life.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McLarty, two brothers, Tom McLarty and J. A. McLarty, Jr. of Hope, two sisters, Mrs. Clarence Turner of Texarkana and Mrs. W. F. Steward of Oklahoma City.

Funeral services will be held at First Methodist church at 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Interment will be in Rose Hill cemetery.

Active pallbearers: Owen Nix, Charles Harrell, Dexter Bailey, S. A. Hutson, Sam Cook and Muck Stuart.

Negro Who Shot  
Policeman Dies  
From Wounds

Little Rock, Aug. 27 —(AP)—A 15-minute gun battle with state and city police proved fatal for James Nelson, 65, Negro—six days later.

Nelson, who shot it out with officers in the western part of Little Rock last Saturday, died in a hospital here last night.

State Patrolman Guy Downing was slightly wounded in the shoulder during the exchange.

Guardsmen  
Patrol in  
Florida

West Palm Beach, Aug. 27 —(UP)—Thirty national guardsmen patrolled this hurricane-whipped coast today.

Armed with rifles, the guardsmen started walking the dark, littered streets before dawn in answer to appeal by the county sheriff for aid against looters who started ransacking the wrecked business district while hurricane winds were blowing.

Local police "flushed several bunches" of looters who stepped through the empty store fronts where plate glass windows had been blown down, and caught bawling blow-down parking meters against the sidewalks to get at the nickels.

An eerie ghost city without lights in the darkness before dawn, West Palm Beach was a mess by daylight.

Two-foot thick light poles were toppled to the streets. A crushed plate glass window of the Guaranty Safe and Trust company left the bank vault in plain view.

Smashed automobiles, upset trailers with bedding and clothing strewn in the street, bricks, shattered glass and all the objects of a mile an hour winds could tear loose made it impossible for vehicles to pass through some streets in the main business district.

Clematis street, the principal shopping center, was being cleaned up by a portable derrick.

A Red Cross damage estimate of "several millions" was termed "conservative when the extent of destruction was revealed by daylight."

Palm Beach, winter haven of the rich across Lake Worth, appeared to have escaped major damage. But its famous landscaped shrubbery is tattered and its streets are littered.

The swank winter homes lining the Palm Beach waterfront suffered minor but expensive damage. Imported tiles were tipped from roofs. Two Palm Beach golf courses were one-third under water.

Worth avenue, shopping street in wealthy socialites, was cluttered with debris.

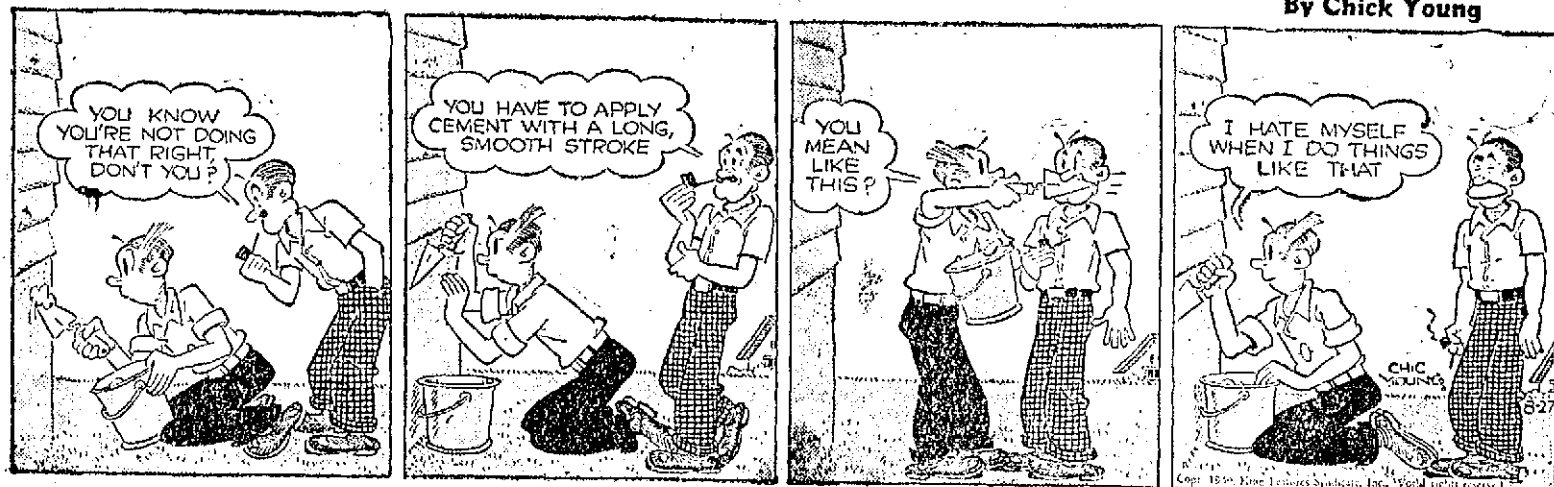
According to a scientist, rattlesnakes have no sense of bearing. Or of humor, just to be there.



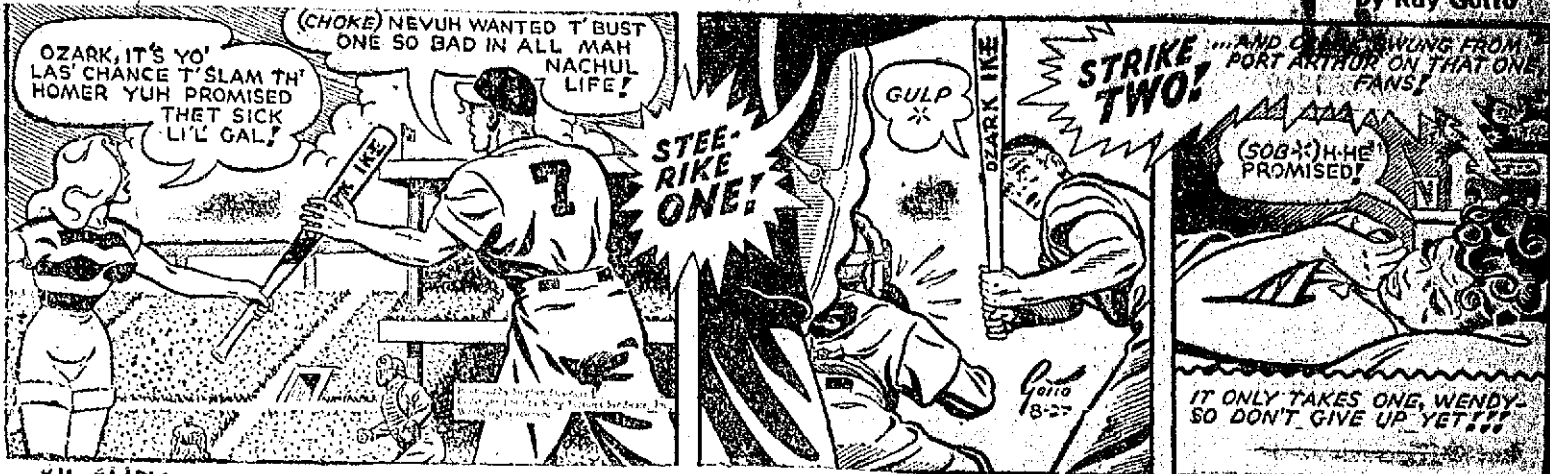




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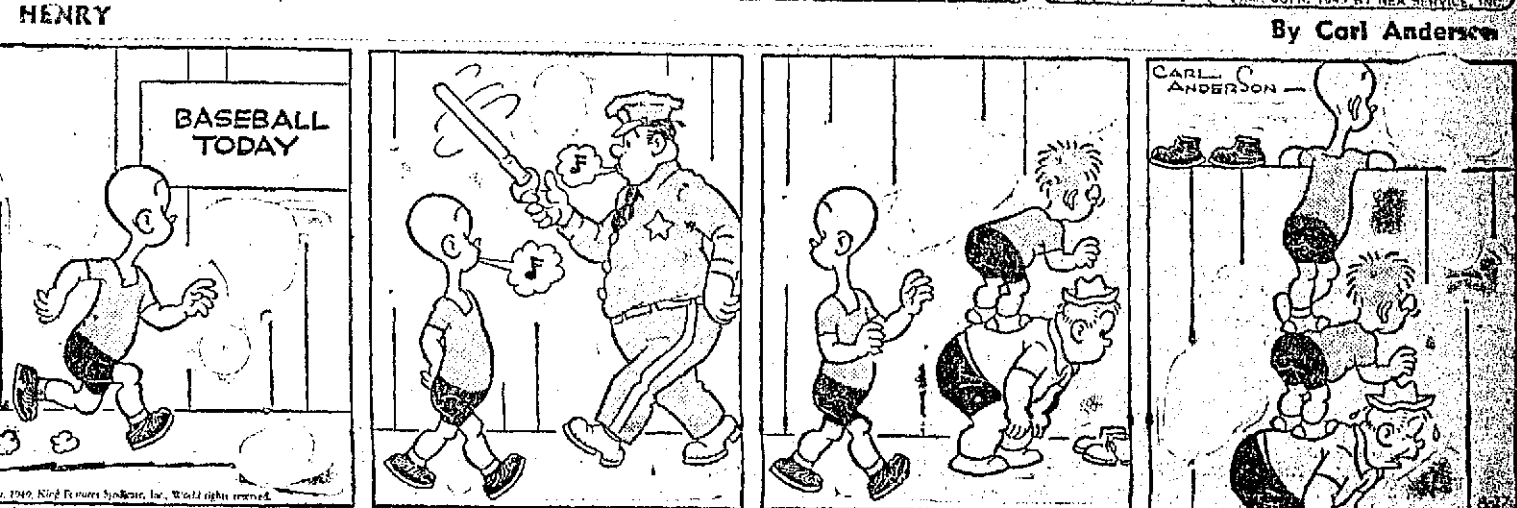
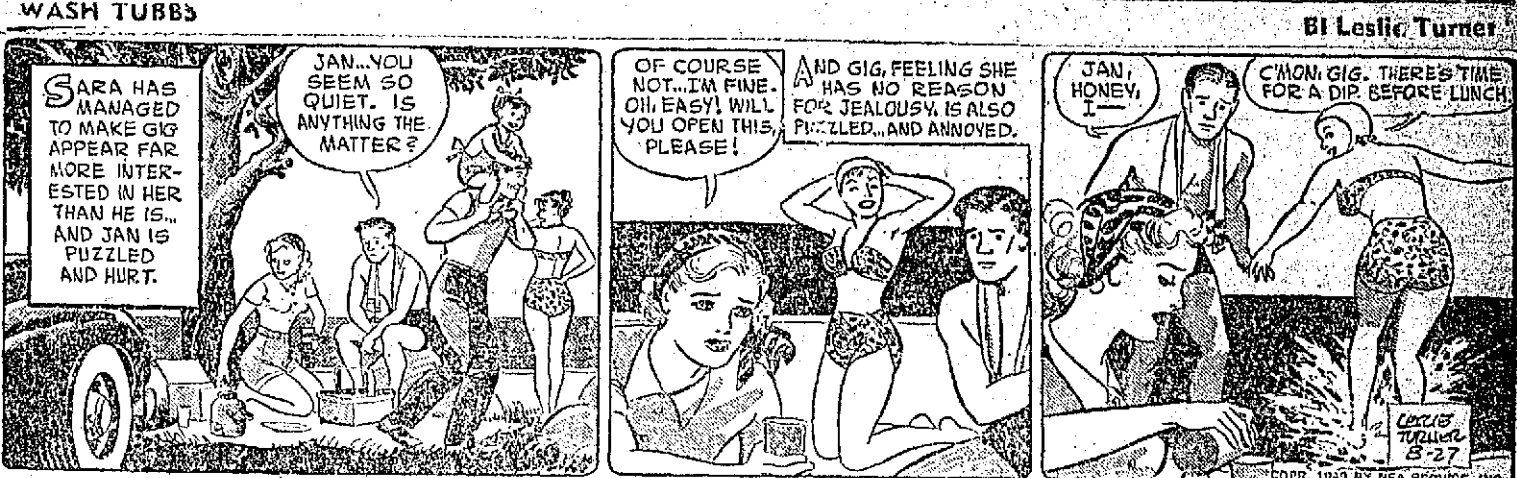
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By Galbraith



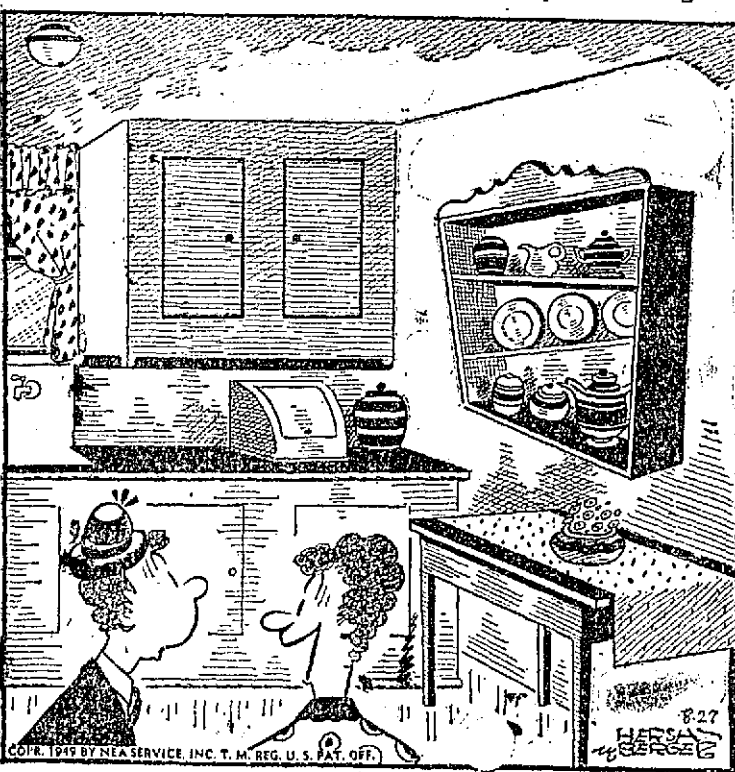
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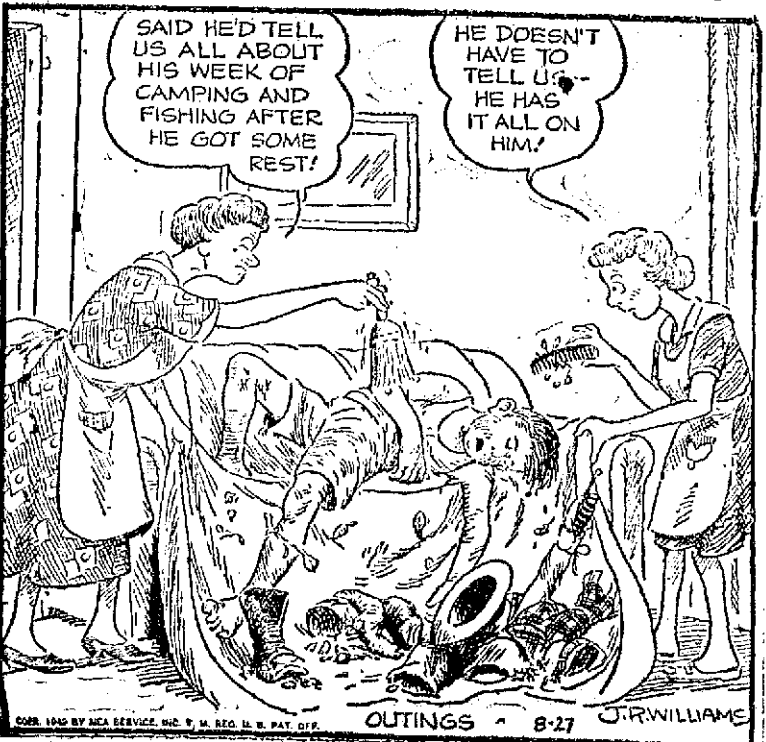


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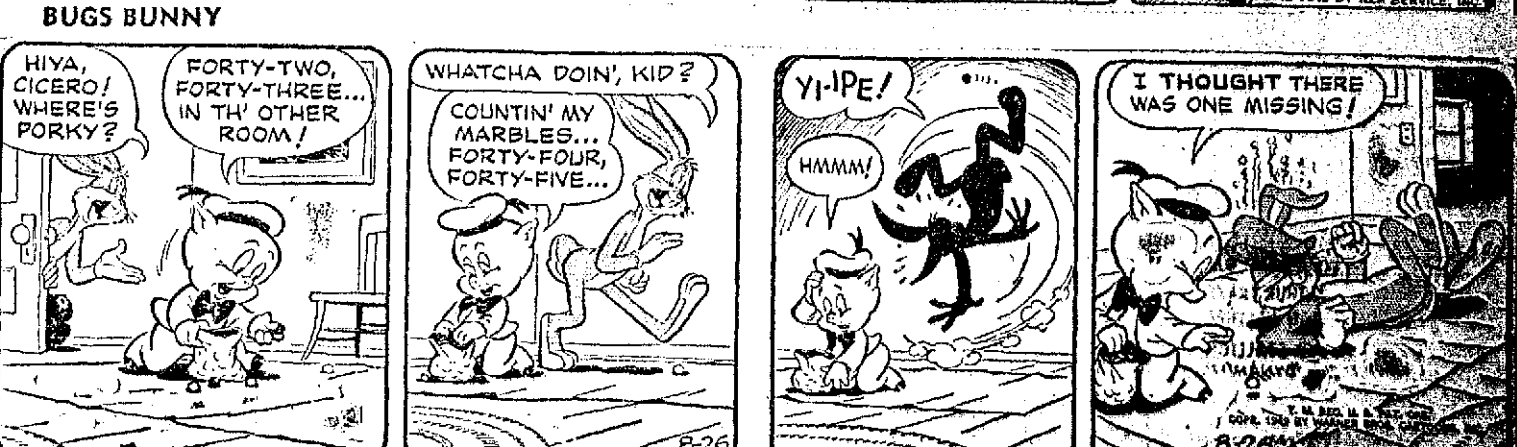
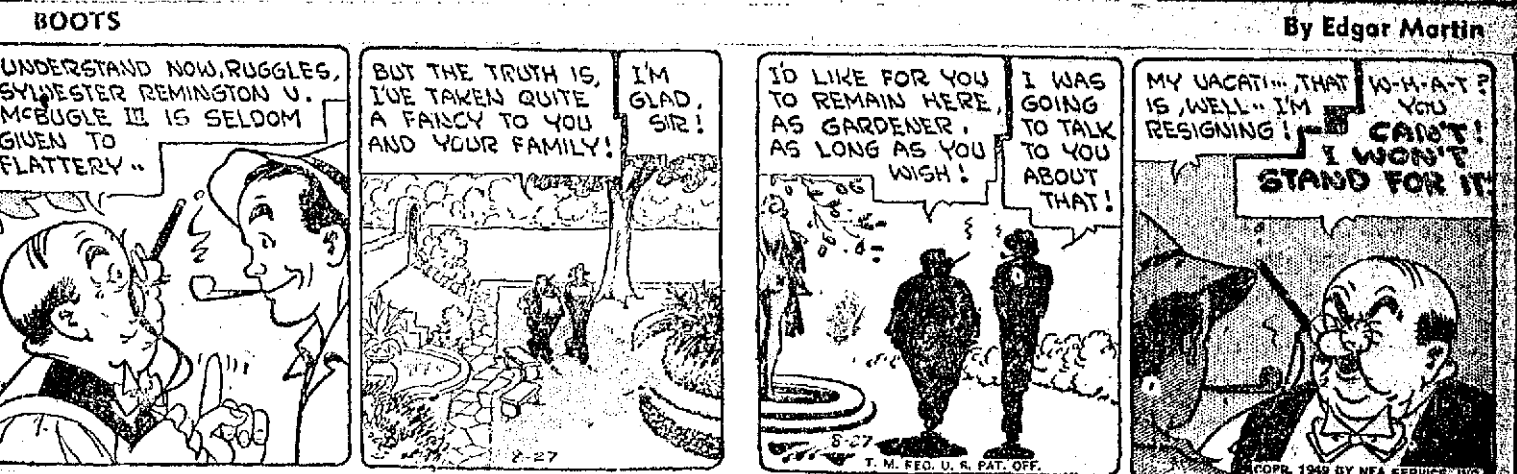
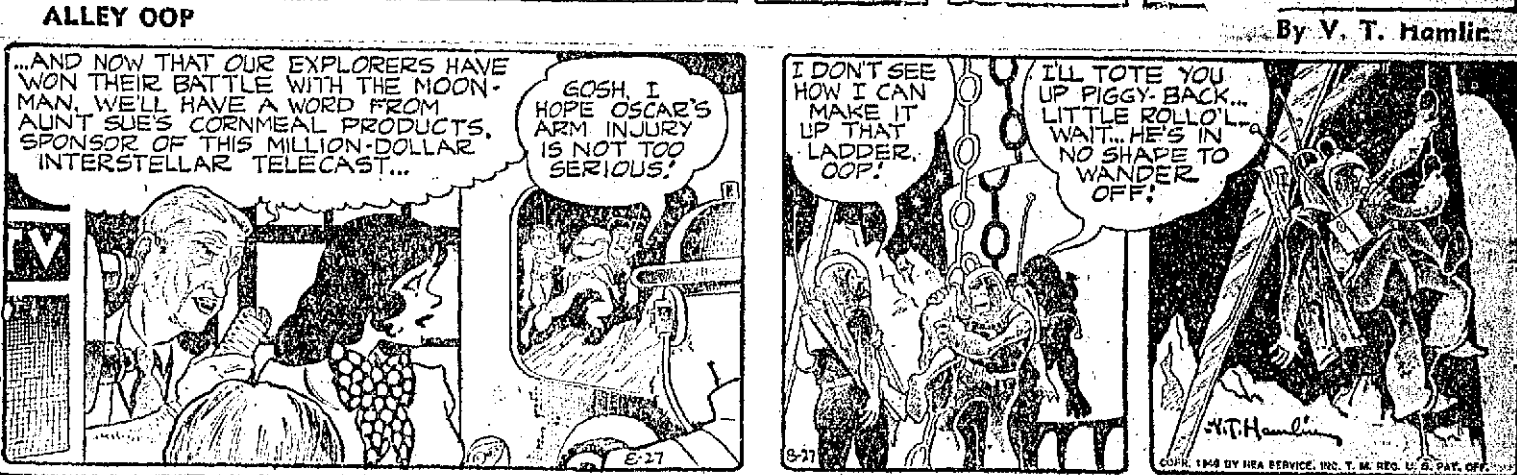
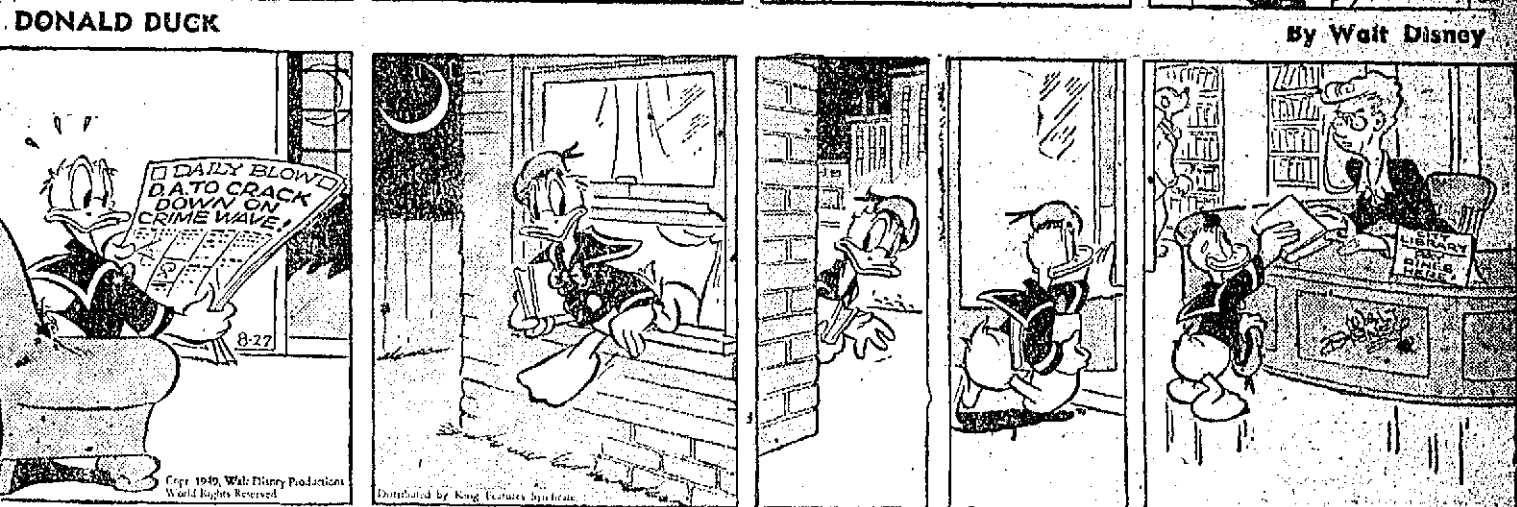
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FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

By Blosser



OUR BOARDING HOUSE

With Major Hoople

